(d) by when this project will be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) There is no retail outlet (petrol pump)/CNG pump very close to Alaknanda and Greater Kailash-II areas of South Delhi. The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) earmarks sites for development of retail outlets in Delhi and the same are allotted to oil companies as per their terms and conditions. Further, these being residential areas, no suitable private land is available and, thus, the setting up of new retail outlet here depends upon the allotment of site by the DDA.

**Sale of equity in IOC, ONGC and GAIL**

748. SHRI DINANATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering off-loading its equity in IOC/ONGC/GAIL through public offering;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be collected through this route and its application/appropriation in Government scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Disinvestment is a continuous process and Government keeps considering proposals for disinvestment of PSUs through inter-ministerial consultations, and takes a final decision after considering all relevant factors. Currently, there is no decision to off-load stakes in IOC, GAIL and ONGC.

(b) and (c) In view of the reply to (a) above, do not arise.

**Sale of Ethanol Mixed Petrol**

†749. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering selling of ethanol mixed petrol in some States;

(b) if so, the names of the such States; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the benefits that would accrue to these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) Govt, have already started selling ethanol blended petrol in 7 States and 3 UTs as on date. The States are—Goa, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh and the UTs are Daman & Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Chandigarh.

(c) The sugar mills and the sugar-cane farmers in these States and UTs would be benefited by this programme and the air pollution would be lower.

**Cess on petrol**

750. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated as cess on petrol during last two years;

(b) the amount provided to States, State-wise, out of this collections; and

(c) whether States including Madhya Pradesh have been deprived of their share?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The total revenue collected as cess on petrol during the year 2001-02 and 2002-03 was as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

| Year | Amount (Provisional) |
|---|---|
| 2001-02 | 1208 |
| 2002-03 | 874 |

(b) The details of amount released out of Central Road Fund during the year 2001-02 and 2002-03 are given is the enclosed Statement (See below).

(c) As result of issuance of tokens/special cards by some States, including Madhya Pradesh, which facilitated overloading, Central assistance to such States has been held up.